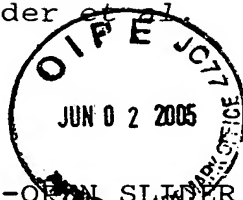


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is an Amendment After Final Rejection.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.
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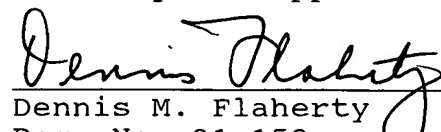
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TOTAL CLAIMS:	25	- 47	= 0	x \$50 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS:	3	- 7	= 0	x \$200 =	0
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$ 0

☐ Our check for payment of the additional claims fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any extension or other fee under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No. 50-3195.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated March 31, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application, the Applicants request that the finality of the rejection be withdrawn and that the claims be amended as indicated starting on page 3.

**FINALITY OF REJECTION
SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN**

The Office Action Summary states in error that the Final Rejection is responsive to Applicants' communication filed on July 12, 2004. Instead, the Final Rejection dated September 9, 2004 was responsive to Applicants' communication filed on July 12, 2004. On October 27, 2004, the Applicants mailed an Amendment After Final Rejection, which was responsive to the September 9, 2004 Final Rejection. An Advisory Action was mailed on December 22, 2004. A telephone interview was held on January 25, 2004, at which time the Final Rejection was withdrawn. Thus,

the instant office action is responsive to Applicant's communication mailed on October 27, 2004, not the communication filed on July 12, 2004.

Paragraph 6 of the instant action concedes that the ground of rejection is new. However, ¶ 7 asserts that "Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action". That statement is clearly erroneous. Applicant's communication mailed on October 27, 2004 included no amendments to the claims. Since there were no amendments, it is not possible that "Applicant's amendment" could have "necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection". What necessitated the new ground of rejection was the withdrawal of the previous Final Rejection during the telephone interview held on January 25, 2004.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the finality of the instant action should be withdrawn in view of the new ground of rejection. In expectation of such withdrawal, the Applicants wish to amend the claims as follows: